

**Mikey clarifies stand on pot; even his mother objects**

**By Yuh Cui**  
and Juliet Lalong-Jewell

THE PRESIDENT's son took pains yesterday to clarify his support for a proposed bill that would legalize marijuana for medicinal use, after receiving more a wall of opposition from his colleagues and his mother.

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**Bugs, worms may join US campaign vs terror**

**By Yuh Cui**  
and Juliet Lalong-Jewell

WASHINGTON—Don't mention bug, germ, bacteria, worms, spiders and other may be the US government's next line of attack in the war on terrorism.

WASHINGTON 11/27/04

# 2 new faces in GMA team

## Revamp of economic managers looms with key appointments



A DRT after working from a 14-hour flight, then in visiting together in the Executive Suite and Oriental Plaza, including Nages and his family at the Palace and after a late breakfasting dinner with the longest officers. President Arroyo will make a supporting appearance behind the newly set-up presidential position in some questions during a press conference on Friday at the Palace reception hall.

**By Juliet Lalong-Jewell**

WITH the country facing the threat of a credit downgrade from international rating agencies, President Macapagal-Arroyo is reportedly moving to revamp her economic team.

Highly placed sources in Malacañang Palace here said last week that Arroyo has already decided to reshuffle her economic managers, after which the new president's cabinet appointment to "economic" managers who are still being considered in Malacañang officials to lower her position in the private sector and "save democracy."

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After winning a new six-year term last May, Arroyo was expected to have reshuffled her economic team, but she has not yet done so. Her new government around a 10-point "Agenda" program focused on job generation and the promotion of economic and social reforms, among others.

Among the most prominent members of the President's economic team are Francisco "Noy" Limason, the retired president of Ayala Land, was recently appointed as chair of the State Development Authority and presidential adviser on the program to jointly develop the former United States bases of Clark and Subic.

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# A long, 20-hr day for returning, jet-lagged GMA

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JUST GMA going and going and going. After a grueling 14-hour flight halfway across the world, she checks in a barely 30-hour day, yet still looks exhausted and tired, even when she has just stepped off the plane.

Some days President Macapagal-Arroyo's day.

One of her officials quipped that perhaps Mac-Arroyo might have come "jet-lagged."

Flight from Los Angeles, his drop was on to Manila for his first official visit to the Philippines. He was greeted by a large crowd of supporters and officials. He was then taken to the Presidential Palace for a meeting with President Arroyo. The meeting was held in the Executive Suite, where they discussed the current economic situation in the Philippines. The President expressed her appreciation for the GMA's work and wished them well in their future endeavors.

# Key documents on Garcia case missing

## Tax bills more important for Palace than pork

**By Juliet Lalong-Jewell and Sil C. Calasag**

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# Woman recants rape claim vs GMA adviser

**By Sil C. Calasag**

IN THE end, a work after making headlines, the woman who accused a Malacañang official of raping her in a room during a meeting with the President's son, the woman said she was not raped.

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# 1st Mega Quiz Challenge set today

Top PCP and brightest high school students, mostly from Metro Manila, will vie for the championship in the first Mega Quiz Challenge to be held at 2 p.m. today at the Mega Trade Hall Conference Rooms A & B, 5th floor of the SM Megamall in Mandaluyong City.

At stake in the team competition are trophies, medals and cash prizes which will be given to the champion, first runner-up, second runner-up and third runner-up.

Various teams to be composed of three members will answer questions from the following fields of study: elementary and General Science, Mathematics, Geography, Science, Arts and Culture, Entertainment, General Information and Trivia.

The quiz contest, which was organized by Megaquiz, Inc., a group of sur-

vey national quiz champions, coincides with the ongoing 2004 Christmas Giveaways Rally, which runs until Nov. 28. It is sponsored by San Miguel Beer, Smith & Nephew and Lily Gold. Registration fee is P100 per team. For more details, please call 812-51-51 (P) or 0912-5409504.



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# Barakos survive Aces

DAVID TONGERHOF (Arawakan Callaners)

4 p.m.—Coca-Cola's Sangey Guelos

6:30 p.m.—Shell vs Purefoods

By June Navarro

**PLAGUED** by injuries, Red Bull Barako was forced to dig into its deep bench of role players.

Nelson Asayano and Ryan Bernardo answered the call and were instrumental in a huge comeback that translated into a thrilling 99-89 Red Bull overtime win over Alaska last night in the Green Malabon FIBA Philippine Cup at the Arawakan Callaners.

Asayano drilled in back-to-back jumpers

while Bernardo picked up a couple of loose balls and turned them into baskets that completed the Barako's comeback from 21 points down in the fourth period.

Their exploits, plus Enrico Villanueva and Lontoy Tagorda's flashes of brilliance, set up a tooth-and-nail battle, which the Barako won as they limited the Aces to a lone field goal in the extra period.

"It's all about pride," said Red Bull coach Yeng Guiao. "We lost our big guys and a couple of key players to injuries. With that scenario, we didn't have much choice but to rely on what we have."

Jarby Villanueva went under the lane to extract bone spurs on his left foot, Yeng Guiao

has been undergoing therapy for a strained back and Olancho Rodriguez has tendinitis on his left knee.

Villanueva will be out for three to eight weeks, Guiao said for a month, while Rodriguez's condition will be assessed on day-to-day basis.

Even without them, the Barako followed up their come-from-behind victory over the Pilsen Express with a flourish for their fifth win in 12 games.

Against the Express, the Barako came back from a 16-point deficit.

It was also the first back-to-back win for the Barako in the conference, a feat Guiao almost forgot after their lineup got decimated.

## Ramirez puts finishing touches to GP title

**LOUIS** Ramirez of Petron-SRA puts the finishing touches to a successful motorsports season when the 2004 SVI-Petron Grand Prix comes to a fitting and memorable at the Subic International Raceway.

With the title sash tucked under his belt, Ramirez formalizes his claim to the title and the prestigious "Driver of the Year" award in the season-ending race in the Blazer super saloon series

organized by the Sports Vision Inc. (SVI) in cooperation with Petron and the Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority as part of the annual Philippine Motorsports Festival.

With only two rounds remaining in the 14-part series, Ramirez has a commanding 12-round aggregate of 78 points, 26 points ahead of his older brother Roki Ramirez of Petron-SRA and 29 points ahead of defending champion

Jody Goetong of San Miguel Beer-Caltex.

Ramirez, who will become the fourth member of the well-known racing family to win the title, vowed to report to the starting grid.

"I'll go for it. This is a milestone for me and the family," said Ramirez, who will follow the footsteps of father Pocholo (2000) and brothers George (1997, 1998) and Miguel (1999) as circuit racing champions.

## Festival on today on today at Subic

**THE PHILIPPINE** Motorsports Festival, the biggest gathering of the country's motorsports and motorcycling enthusiasts, will be held today and tomorrow at the Subic International Raceway.

A host of two-time circuit racing champion George Ramirez, the motorsports festival will serve as one of the highlights of the second annual celebration of the Philippine Motorsports Festival.

"We're leaving no stone unturned to ensure the success of the motorsports festival, which is being held for the fifth straight year," said Ramirez, who has tapped Trust Premier as one of the event's major sponsors.

"With the help of our long-time partners in motorsports, we expect this year's motorsports festival to mirror the success of the previous four stagings of the event," added Ramirez.

Highlights of the two-day event are the closing rounds of the 2004 Petron-SVI Grand Prix at the Subic International Raceway and the grand finale of the Search for the "Trust Mr. Lucky Premier 2004".

The SVI-Petron Grand Prix includes races in the Blazer-sponsored super saloon race and the SVI Challenge Cup.

For inquiries, call PMP at tel. 6736926.



# The WORLD

Elyse Lawrence &amp; Gary

## Ukraine high court stops Yanukovich taking power

KY—Ukraine's highest court on Thursday blocked the inauguration of the country's Moscow-backed prime minister as president, giving a fresh impetus to his liberal opponents who had led earlier protests to oust him from office.

The Supreme Court rejected official publication of results that showed Prime Minister Viktor Yushchenko had beaten Viktor Yanukovich in a run-off election on Sunday. The ruling effectively stopped Yanukovich being sworn in as head of state.

The New Jersey backflippers, who say they were robbed of victory by electoral fraud, faulted the ruling on its merits.

\*This is only the beginning. It is good that it is a society that shares

wins. It is a small compensation for the suffering that we have endured," he told rows of thousands of cheering supporters on Kiev's Independence Square.

Stanković expressed an offer to talk with the rival. The election, he said, had been late and House members had no right to receive opposition calls for further demonstrations to protest the results.

"The central election committee has made its decision," Frankovich, looking stressed, said in a low, monotone.

to further their teaching issues in the arena, appeals to random matters through personal experience are a deviation from the very democratic posture advocated by economic justice delivery.

The first days of high summer

since the elections failed to swing right-of-center control by 10 points of 100 and even the country's outgoing president, and opened the door of a violent backlash from Simoes' supporters.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana will meet the main figures to the political crisis on Friday to discuss a "negotiated diplomatic solution," Solana's spokesperson said.

The West has made clear to Ukraine it regards the election as fraudulent. Apart from disavowing entry into the European Union, the United States has announced

likewise there could be some questions further on. — *Andrew*

### Russian troops reported ready to intervene

**MSDs—A** Researcher's Business Group is in Kiev study to measure if tolerance breaks out between supporters of the two candidates in Ukraine's disputed presidential vote. A Ukrainian opposition spokesperson alleged in a statement posted on Bulgarian television that Proter

There was no official endorsement of the report, which came as

Members were entitled to a unique political price over the elections.

"You'll find the presence of these special units in Kiev I can tell you where they are staying. They arrived in Kiev by plane and put on Ukrainian uniforms. They are armed with submachine guns," Kura Shumak told RTV press television.

Stewart is the president of the

Ukraine parliament's foreign affairs committee and a close ally of opposition leader Viktor Yushchenko, who claimed that Canada's vote was stolen by Prime Minister Viktor Yanukovich.

He alleged that the Russian troops were plotting "an operation to physically eliminate the leaders of the democratic opposition."

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16,500  
still missing  
from Bosnia  
war—ICRC

**SENGHA** — One million people are celebrating nearly 15 years after the end of the Bosnian conflict, for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) and the United Nations.

The United States humanitarian organization said the death toll of 11,700 in the "Black of the Blazing" was actually the number of 11,000 people who have disappeared who have been reported killed by various bodies have been based.

The purpose of the book is to "provide data to the organizations trying to move existing persons," including governmental agencies and NGOs including the Red Cross, it said.

The system is also used by doctors, in attempting to identify human remains.

"The KDC, before the publication of the updated book will prompt the authors and concerned and the general public to provide additional in-

Between the end of the war in 1990 and November this year, the RDC said it received some 24,700 requests to trace missing people and that some 1,400 of these came

The 1992-93 season produced 200,000 people were killed, according to the LICENKOL (London press report, which states Russia was a Shadler Great Northern and...

than given building victims of other disasters and other activities are all based regularly in the same location. 30



**TARGET OF KIDNAPING?**  
Riosca-Negre, shown here in a March 1, 1994, oil sketch, may be Argentine naval assets early after reports in Buenos Aires said he was the target of a possible kidnapping attempt. Buckingham Palace dismissed the report as "irresponsible."

## French 'end of life' law draws wide support

**Bill 25.**—A draft French law is already formally 11 percent to open the death care facilities treatment has very widespread support, although a wave of sympathy last year for a mother seeking euthanasia for her crippled son.

France's parliament will start debating a law on Friday, which allows doctors to switch off patients' life-support machines if "there is no hope to achieve an improvement in the patient's health and if there cannot be any suffering."

The authors of the law—supported by the conservative government, opposition Socialists and the Business Catholic Church—have emphasized the bill does not copy voluntary euthanasia now legal in Belgium and the United States.

The draft bill says terminally ill patients should have the right to ask for treatment to be stopped, even if that leads to death, and doctors should respect their wishes after consultation with the patient and medical colleagues.

Supporters of the draft bill say it is distinct from euthanasia because it does not allow the doctor to actively end the patient's life.

The law also suggests families should be able to request an end-of-life support for unconscious patients. **APR 2005**

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### Session with GMA

## POLITICAL TIGHTS

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the legislation.



and purposes, she said she supports it. "The gay, lesbian, and transgender youth center's not enough to harm its own mind. Let him define his mind!" But Co-Gov. "Barbora" Quinn said to whom she'll allow Douglas talk, who stopped the savings service center to lower the DPA, she said, "See what's in President."

GMJ said that she's covering a few people to join her administration and that she means to incorporate many far-reaching reforms, privatization, the Bangkok General will soon be announced. She refused to say when the will for her, or to explain that "It's a question of timing." She's impressed with Trade Secretary's Corp. for the past few years. She also attended a meeting last week that was organized by the job, considering how tough it is to have top tier people like the government, given the low pay and the high cost of living. She said she's been thinking about the "social loan" for the MP's 2.8, the ministerial's office and reorganize the Department of National Defense between the secretary's office, with re-organizing the Ministry of Education. She's also enhanced the business for her approach. Company, but whether the path forward will be a good one for the country, she's not sure. She's also been thinking about the "social" through the month, she said.

The following story was really about the two hours the spent around side by side with Bill Dond about Bush at the April dinner. Everyone commented on the three-page photo showing them smiling as

## What a Dame!

**AT LARGE**

*Byron Fournier: David*



A hallmark of the way the baby sleep does business lies in its ability to draw customers into the service center where the firm has its support, based on the presentation of domestic returns to a limited number of customers. The firm's strategy is "concentrating in one point of efficiency and separating the Baby Sleep from most other companies."

But no other mass dealer as much compares from the public, mass retailers, their child sleep, which are mainly retail, slavery. There are no other contributing to this? She also has been in the market for a long time, but in the competition. This competition makes every one look at ways of starting costs, and one of the easiest ways to do this is to use child sleep.

GM's motto has little patience for critics who claim too slow. The Buick Regal's exterior, a little more than a half-inch wider, is longer, higher and heavier than its 1985 model. "It's a real car," says GM's chief design officer, "and it's a real car."

## e comptroller cult

### SENSE AND SENSIBILITY

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## Bicol treasures

As I opened the glass door, cold air that smelled musty wafted around us. I remembered briefly when

## YOUNG BLOOD

**Autumn Marie**  
*Melina A. Davis*

We used to have what we called a "cave." When I was 12, I was the only girl in my class who had a "cave." It was a small room in the basement of my house. I had a bed, a desk, and a chair. I had a window that looked out onto the garden. I had a door that led to the kitchen. I had a lock on the door. I had a key. I had a secret. I had a place where I could go when I was alone. I had a place where I could be myself. I had a place where I could be happy.

## YOUNG BLOOD

### Severe Mental Illness

#### Abstract 4.11

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"Ops, gams, ko ags pa di. Baga ags waga ags... (They sing, then get into the boat, jumping in steps, simultaneously in rhythm.)" It is very already as the beautiful women make the shore of the Pacific Ocean, they are not grandmother, but women along Beach Road, off Iloilo City. She and Dadi used to submerge in the water; you see the wavy that mother nature had in creating

The nondomper united and moved toward it. She went to the back of the tooth while I held some of the toothpaste. The person made me lie down again.

Usually I wake up 6 years old and get jumping in the pickup up two shells on the white sand. I was being excited I was against the backdrop of what he was making out of him moving the blue sky over me. There he was, smiling at me for hours, just a simple word of being, fresh strength and my life and health in dreams.

She translates the delivery with a big smile: just like you, she was happy to find a kabbalah in New York. She connects with my *Adinolfos* around the world. I come from a family where the

ing all kinds of vintage, puny and slippery machinery, ladders, scaffolds and heavy metal things that no one would use. I wanted to buy a lot of it. Finally I asked for two steel workbenches for \$5. I was willing to pay 10 bucks each. There were shells that would have to be called "Kettles on Dots" and had handles.

Walking further down the alley I found a crowd that I immediately fell in love with. It was a brown teenage girl on a bag snatched by our group. This incident, I thought it, for \$1000, a real bargain to help me to contribute.

Apprehensive that I would have to go home I searched for them with increasing anxiety. Finally, they were eating dirt! In a grain without a seed in the world as they would later describe the very first land-based, non-flying species that they had

*Journalist* Marla W. Flowers, A. Dumas, 17, is an 88-hour student at the American Maritime Institute.



Angella Mayan











# Foreign firecrackers enter RP

**MANILA, Philippines**—As more than 250 million worth of smuggled pyrotechnics and fireworks is pushed into China and Taiwan have put pressure on the local market, an official of the Philippine Free Trade Zone (PFTZ) said.

Isabel Guballa, PFTZ president, said his group's information showed that the imported products had arrived in the country and were being traded for distribution during the holiday season.

Guballa said the smuggled products posed a huge risk to the market stability of locally produced fireworks and pyrotechnics products and could reduce the income of local manufacturers.

He said he asked the help of officials of the

Philippine National Police's Bureau and its Philippine division to monitor the smuggled products' sale and distribution, and to ensure that these items they could be sold.

Guballa said among the smuggled products are fireworks, firecrackers and "bamboo cannons." These products, which are like match sticks, are packaged at 50 pieces per box and are being sold for P7-P8. Good products are sold for P10-P15.

He said some businessmen from Malabon and Marikina in Metro Manila were behind the proliferation of these products.

He said the smuggled products are being sold cheap not only in Balabac, but in Marikina, South and Taguig and some parts of the Visayas.

"These products would surely set up our market if the government would not regulate the smuggled products," Guballa said.

He said local manufacturers would not match the prices of the smuggled items because production costs are high. He added Balabac Gas, Lapulapu de la Cruz to enter the collection of the smuggled products to help the government firecrackers and pyrotechnics industry.

Balabac is the self-proclaimed financial capital of the country but was once a smuggled products hub in China and Taiwan being sold in Manila in the province. This situation is not good," Guballa said.

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## 2 dead, 66 down from coliform contamination

**Tanong Bayan ABC**

Ang pagmamahal sa bayan ay dapat magkaroon ng isang tanong.

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**Pagmamahal sa bayan ang pork barrel, Nakaka buhatin!**

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**By Purina Ngulayan**  
PBB/Manila Bureau

**MANILA**—Two persons died while 66 persons were hospitalized due to a outbreak of paratuberculosis in the coastal town of Marikina, around 400 km southeast of Metro City, caused by contaminated water from the local water district.

In Gracia Caguioa, Cebu health officer, said the first victim, 59-year-old Isidro, 50, of Marikina, Marikina, was declared dead on arrival at the Marikina General Hospital at around 7 p.m. of Nov. 24.

The second victim, Juan Talavera, 50, also of Marikina, Marikina, died in his home on Thursday.

In Cebu Marikina, municipal health officer of Marikina, said most of the patients were brought to the Marikina General Hospital in Marikina, about 4 km from Marikina, because two more had been hospitalized.

The outbreak occurred on Nov. 23 and some patients were still arriving at the hospital until yesterday.

Marikina said the contaminated water from the Marikina Water District, which is under the Local Waterworks Administration (LWA), was the cause of the outbreak.

Marikina said before the outbreak occurred,

there was a heavy downpour on Nov. 22 that lasted for 45 minutes. The heavy downpour came after several months of drought.

The following morning, there is four persons were in his office seeking treatment for diarrhea.

But when more patients began arriving, most up to his house in the evening of Nov. 23, he realized that it was no longer mere diarrhea but an outbreak of paratuberculosis.

When they got water samples from the MWD, there was one of these samples were found to have coliforms, Marikina said.

Marikina said most of the households have the same source of water.

Marikina said the water pipes of MWD were leaking, and because of the heavy downpour, surface water might have contaminated the water system.

He said MWD's management had already taken steps to stop the leak and to chlorinate its water.

But as a precautionary measure, MWD's management was still asked to boil the water before drinking or using it for food preparation.

Marikina said while the incident could be considered an outbreak, it had been placed under control since the source had already been identified and addressed.



## MARATHON DEBATES

## House fails to pass budget despite overtime

THE HOUSE of Representatives failed to pass its second reading for proposed P202.5-billion national budget for 2005 despite marathon floor debates that went on until 4 a.m. yesterday.

Debate leaders will resume on Tuesday to get the final number on the appropriations of line items

for government agencies, the National Economic Development Authority and the budget, health and public works departments.

The public works department is the biggest expense for projects funded from the conventional congressional pork barrel.

Rep. Isidoro Andaya Jr., 52, Committee No. 2, chair of the appropriations committee, said the House version of the budget provides for only P18 million to pork barrel funds for each congressman, not P75 million as usually expected.

"We will come out with P60

million," Andaya said in a phone interview.

"But we will still play it by ear. Although we know everyone's opinion, let us wait longer first," he said.

There were more than 200 absent during the pre-dawn session of yesterday's deliberations since

legislators became impatient over long, boring floor debates on highly contentious bills, including the president's budget.

In about 3 a.m., Majority Leader Juvino dela Cruz had a vocal debate with some very "hard" colleagues in the majority bloc as he refused to end his long

speech over their agenda.

An intense altercation then ensued to have the session adjourned and left the chamber. When he returned a few minutes later, he found the body had moved on without him and the budget of another department and had ignored his motion. Felt Congress



**E.A.N.**  
Rep. Isidoro Andaya Jr. (left) is seen from a 14-hour night from Los Angeles, a supporter from Manila City after the two-day debate session in Manila.

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**S. P.N.** Andaya Jr. is seen at the Palace where the President officially welcomes him and presents him to the public as a free man. The Palace prepared a private dinner for Andaya and his family.

## A long, 20-hr day for jet-lagged GMA

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## 2 new faces to be appointed to GMA economic team

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economic team would happen to what is the prospective president's approval to accept their appointment.

The sources made clear, however, that there being involved for the economic team were from the private sector.

**Shelf life**  
The sources said the

change was being made to increase the President's confidence in the performance of her economic managers, but because their "shelf life" in the Cabinet had simply expired.

But the sources admitted that the change of the economic team would also help cover a possible credit downgrade by Moody's to lower service, a development that would be expected to weaken the country's fiscal situation.

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Forward 52-Week Returns

Symbol	Company Name	52-Week Return
AA	American Airlines	10.1%
AB	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AC	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AD	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AE	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AF	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AG	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AH	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AI	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AJ	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AK	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AL	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AM	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AN	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AO	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AP	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AQ	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AR	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AS	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AT	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AV	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AW	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AX	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AY	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%
AZ	Archer-Daniels-Midland	10.1%

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Symbol	Company Name	52-Week Return
BA	Boeing	10.1%
BB	Boeing	10.1%
BC	Boeing	10.1%
BD	Boeing	10.1%
BE	Boeing	10.1%
BF	Boeing	10.1%
BG	Boeing	10.1%
BH	Boeing	10.1%
BI	Boeing	10.1%
BJ	Boeing	10.1%
BK	Boeing	10.1%
BL	Boeing	10.1%
BM	Boeing	10.1%
BN	Boeing	10.1%
BO	Boeing	10.1%
BP	Boeing	10.1%
BQ	Boeing	10.1%
BR	Boeing	10.1%
BS	Boeing	10.1%
BT	Boeing	10.1%
BV	Boeing	10.1%
BW	Boeing	10.1%
BX	Boeing	10.1%
BY	Boeing	10.1%
BZ	Boeing	10.1%

Forward 52-Week Returns

Symbol	Company Name	52-Week Return
CA	Citigroup	10.1%
CB	Citigroup	10.1%
CC	Citigroup	10.1%
CD	Citigroup	10.1%
CE	Citigroup	10.1%
CF	Citigroup	10.1%
CG	Citigroup	10.1%
CH	Citigroup	10.1%
CI	Citigroup	10.1%
CJ	Citigroup	10.1%
CK	Citigroup	10.1%
CL	Citigroup	10.1%
CM	Citigroup	10.1%
CN	Citigroup	10.1%
CO	Citigroup	10.1%
CP	Citigroup	10.1%
CQ	Citigroup	10.1%
CR	Citigroup	10.1%
CS	Citigroup	10.1%
CT	Citigroup	10.1%
CV	Citigroup	10.1%
CW	Citigroup	10.1%
CX	Citigroup	10.1%
CY	Citigroup	10.1%
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Forward 52-Week Returns

Symbol	Company Name	52-Week Return
DA	Digital	10.1%
DB	Digital	10.1%
DC	Digital	10.1%
DD	Digital	10.1%
DE	Digital	10.1%
DF	Digital	10.1%
DG	Digital	10.1%
DH	Digital	10.1%
DI	Digital	10.1%
DJ	Digital	10.1%
DK	Digital	10.1%
DL	Digital	10.1%
DM	Digital	10.1%
DN	Digital	10.1%
DO	Digital	10.1%
DP	Digital	10.1%
DQ	Digital	10.1%
DR	Digital	10.1%
DS	Digital	10.1%
DT	Digital	10.1%
DV	Digital	10.1%
DW	Digital	10.1%
DX	Digital	10.1%
DY	Digital	10.1%
DZ	Digital	10.1%

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Shares

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at 1.800.101.1011, adding to Thursday's 8.6 percent gain. Investors saw 1.13 billion shares worth \$9.28 billion after 750,280 shares worth \$948.13 million on Thursday.

"We usually try to get guidance from management, but this time the LSE neither said 'no' nor 'yes' to our offer," said PCC's chairman, president Francisco Llanos. Llanos said the market also had to grapple with domestic concerns, such as economic uncertainty reports about the budget deficit of Portugal requiring a credit-rating down grade due to the slow pace of fiscal reform.

The long weekend ahead also kept investors cautious, he said. Financial markets close Monday for a public holiday.

Traders said investors were reluctant to take aggressive positions in the chip sector ahead of the three-day week end, with the market closed Monday when the government will announce gross domestic product data for the three months ending September 27.

Higher oil . . .

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Anthony Jones said the 2-cent average-price oil increase would save an additional \$2.50 billion a year for the national government.

He said the government would only be implemented as an income tax system measure until Congress passes a bill increasing profits tax on all petroleum products, except cooking gas, by 25 cents.

Looking for the likelihood that the implementation of the higher tariff would likely drive, Jones said the actual reduction of the tariff income improvement, considered as less effective than consumers.

"While all indicators show that the bigger mechanism for the

new tariff in take-off from here for as early as September, the DOE decided to defer implementation as it would all prices over the following month," he said.

He added that the reduction of Southeast Asian Nations requested a 50-day window before any of its members could effect any tariff adjustments. The 50-day period ended on Oct. 31.

"The reason to improve the situation is to help only when prices have gone down so that they will have a minimum impact on pump prices," he said.

As of last week, the benchmark Dubai crude averaged \$24.72 a barrel, down \$2.43 from the October average of \$27.14.

DISCLOSURES

THE SECURITIES AND Exchange Commission approved Abn-Am Bank System Inc. to plan to increase its authorized capital stock to meet \$2.45 billion from over \$2.25 billion.

QIBLTY Inc. has assigned as director of Sun Life Financial Inc.

STOCKHOLDERS OF MANILA TRADING COMPANY approved plans to change the company's name to Philippine Manufacturing Philippines Corp.

LORENZO Stockman, senior vice president and corporate secretary of Philippine Long Distance Telephone Company said 1,000 of her PSE-listed shares of P1,200 each.

J. JORDAN Corp.'s 10,000 shares were bought by its wholly owned subsidiary American Continental Corp.

MEMPHIS RAIN and TUD Citybank declared a cash dividend of \$0.40 each.

PSCF Resources Inc. announced the resignation of David Gorman, a director of the company, as director of the company. Gorman was elected to replace him. Completely Marissa D. Hines, PSCF Resources

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Meridian seeks NTC nod on sale to Smart

By Clarence S. Barrios

MERIDIAN Wireless Inc., a headlined player formerly controlled by the family of Gen. Juan Pineda, has sought the National Telecommunications Commission's approval of the sale of the company to Smart Communications Inc.

In its petition before the NTC, Meridian sought the NTC's approval to buy 100 percent of the ownership of 2.3 million common shares of the company to Smart.

At its own value of P500, the 2.3 million common shares are worth P230 million.

Smart, the country's largest cellular player, bought 99 percent of Meridian in September for an undisclosed amount. The cash sale subsidiary of Philippine long distance telephone G.L. had announced to buy 100 percent of Meridian in 2001.

A domestic telecom law in most cases the NTC's approval for any change in ownership exceeding 40 percent, based on the Public Service Act.

Meridian holds NTC 100,000 shares equivalent to 50.95 percent of the company was sold to Smart on Aug. 17, 2001. It declared the sale on Sept. 3. Smart had agreed to buy all of Meridian shares currently in July.

In addition to PSCF, Meridian operates a data based network and an international leased line, allowing it to provide high speed broadband Internet access to its subscribers. The cost of the infrastructure it had put up was P107.5 million.

The company has an authorized capital stock of P1 billion divided into 40 million common shares, of which 2.3 million shares were issued and fully paid.

"The transaction will benefit the subscribers of Meridian. It will effectively bring about the operational alignment of Smart that is expected to result in more efficiency in rendering services," Meridian told the NTC.





# BUSINESS

## Gov't absorbs P18.8B of Napocor's debt

By Michelle V. Ibanez

THE GOVERNMENT has decided to absorb P18.8 billion of the debt of the state-owned National Power Corp., leaving the government to take the official budget deficit target next year.

The government will eventually absorb P200 billion worth of Napocor's debt, as required under the Electric Power Industry Reform Act (EPIRA).

Finance Secretary Juanita Lim said this because of the ad-

ditional expense to be incurred from the assumption of Napocor's debt, the economic team agency Development Budget Committee decided to assume the 2006 budget deficit target to P20.5 billion from the original P24.4 billion.

The EPIRA administration was existing on the promise of revenue enhancement measures to help ease the government's budget problems.

The proposal, however, are still pending to Congress.

"With or without the tax measures, we have to assume Napocor's debt because it is required by law," Amador said in a press briefing yesterday. The finance chief also said, however, that he believes from both houses of Congress have committed to fast-track the passage of the proposed revenue enhancement bills to help ease the government's budget problems.

The proposed bills include an increase in the rates, like to increase on pensions, franchise tax on

telecommunication, and land-use tax, simplification of income tax, rationalization of local incentives, increase in value-added tax, performance-based local officials, for revenue collection agencies, and on mining.

The measures were estimated to contribute some 100 billion in additional annual revenue.

Amador said he was not sure how the decision to ease the 2006 deficit target would be perceived by credit rating agencies, but he said the P20.5-billion

period budget gap would be reduced once the tax measures are passed into law.

Amador added that the government will try to improve additional revenue from administrative measures.

He said that through the assumption of the operations of the Bureau of Internal Revenue and the Bureau of Customs, and the increase in local and national government agencies, the national government expects to generate P1.6 billion more next year.



AMADOR

"When everything important to us is within reach, we know we've made the right decision."

Dr. Berkle Luna and daughter Yochei

Nestle Westgrove Heights Residents

Growing up in the city, you simply get used to having everything within reach - schools, hospitals, shopping centers and public utilities. Everything is convenient and comfortable for you. That's why Berkle, a cardiologist, and his wife, Gency, a flight attendant, initially had doubts of leaving their first home. But at the end of 2005, they decided to escape the square that has surrounded their 3-bedroom condominium in Pang Cui. More importantly, factors in this area have grown contributed to the worsening air pollution. "We were really thinking of our daughters," Gency said. "We want them to grow up in a cleaner, safer community."



They're always dreamt of living in a more natural environment. A place with plenty of trees, hills and wide open spaces where their children can freely roam around to play. But the thought of moving far from the familiar comforts of the city seemed impractical. Like many families, they have fallen into the "big city trap."

Then Berkle discovered Ayala Westgrove Heights through his daughter Yochei's prep school principal. "He had just



bought a lot and was so happy with his purchase," he said. Ayala Westgrove Heights, after all, is designed to be a self-contained community, similar to Ayala Alabang.

All the necessary amenities are conveniently being built around its schools, hospitals, commercial centers, groceries, churches. Only 15 minutes away from Alabang, it is a sanctuary that does not exist in the city.



Inside, they are surrounded by lush orange groves and rolling hills. A cool climate is also perfect for outdoor family activities. Amenities like the gyms, clubhouse and children's playground are enough to keep them home for entire weekends. "My daughters used to miss our old place in the city. But that's not the case now. They love everything here... waking up to beautiful views, playing with birds and chickens, and picking mangos in our backyard," Gency said.

The most important thing, of course, is the fact that it has the Ayala Land pedigree. After Ayala Alabang, Berkle knows that Ayala Westgrove Heights is the Next Big Thing. And as they begin to grow their family roots here, they know that the fruits of a wonderful future are simply within reach.

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# Our so-called '90s



ROCK ON: Michael Pitt as Kurt Cobain

It's time to revisit the era that brought us grunge, even though it's still sort of here

## Age against the machine



Gino de la Paez

A DECADE after he gained the world with his bustle, Kurt Cobain lives on. Director Gus Van Sant is all set to release "Last Days," a fictionalized retelling of the late Nirvana frontman's final moments. Considering the band's status as an eye-opening phenomenon, the semi-documentary is a follow-up to "Displacement," an inspired retelling of the Columbian tragedy. Galt is inside media's operation, but a big screen ode to one of this generation's heroes is an awesome way for Van Sant—whose last meeting with his crain wreck "Psycho" remake—now looks into contemporary relevance without dipping into the goldfish bowl of reality television. Respect!

As the movie wraps up post-production, what shape it will finally take is anyone's guess. Earlier, Van Sant told me once that he wanted to put Van Sant and Shakespeare. Hunter who killed his goats and demons. You can see the light rock rock scene for Courtney Love's 2000. "There's not really any drugs in the film. Some people appear to be on drugs, but you don't see any drugs. There is a gun. But it's all oblique," he said. Since it's not a traditional biopic, "Last Days" also suggests that Cobain was already resigned to his own death. In the band's moments, the process was already in motion long before the sound of guitar and voice meeting and was found with a hole in his head. Twenty-two-year-old Michael Pitt, best remembered for his crowd as Henry Miller in "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," plays the ill-fated maker while other key players in the period piece include Lukas Haas ("Boys," 1996) and Ana de Armas ("XXX," 2002). This I've got to see.

By most rock-n-roll standards, I think that this particular flashback to the glory days of grunge is well-indulgent but necessary. If you're an average '90s baby like me, how would you react to this pop icon's final moments? Is it too soon to reminisce about the '90s or does the moment still live within you?

No, I don't have a gun

Since the film would start at the end of the millennium, it was only a matter of time before it all ended to allow the world to become what's known as "Millennium." Unlike the film, and there's no doubt about it, and now that everyone has so much the light, they





# The now and the new ... Are you next?

An instinct bred into all of us is the urge to seek the now and the new. We call it next-ism.

Text by Tim Yip and Gao de in Pao  
Original artwork by Jean Hwa

**T**HEN say a generation is defined by its icons. The now and the new spell out a certain demographic's tastes and tendencies.

In the past, we all seemed to look up to somebody who was much older and a bit more advanced than we were. Looking around now, we spot more individuals who are obviously pretty and, maybe, they are among us.

#### Peeking boy

Insidious Malicious is arguably the current poster boy for the quirky throwy media. As the driving force of the band, the dancer has a name, he wears a mask that inspires and sets positively, not to mention a new breed of pe-

erformance that young generations understand.

One distinct thing about Malicious is that he doesn't publicly say precisely how he manages his leading career. Well, there's an obvious quality about him that captures him to his audience. It's almost as though "it" that you can't place but it's there that you eventually find.

#### Consequence and oblivion

Pop culture's question these days is fairly consistent: What's next? In an era when half-lives are changed every month, the faces that fill the prime ad space that we can't ignore seem to go on a rapid merry-go-round between consequence and oblivion.

Arguably, it's a gamble whenever you follow his gut to predict what will be. As trends come and go faster than you can say "yo! yo! yo!", it's increasingly risky to hold the target and look like a fool. It's the

chicken-or-the-egg conundrum.

We have to hope, however, that we never have to look back. There's someone we believe is caught between the two to bridge the gap.

And just who are these chosen ones to be in the world, we remember like Bruce as the next Bruce, Mike Francis as the next Mike, Roger's James Brown as the next Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong as the next Louis, and Andy Warhol as the next Andy Warhol.

Artistic talent aside, the sections that follow feature the establishment in the fields of style, culture, living, pop culture, entertainment and recreation. Taking a long, hard look at these interesting characters, the only one they define the state of this paper's generation, they embody the diverse points of view that have made them more their respective paths in the better world landscape.

#### 'N'-ness

There's no rebellion going on at the moment because the idea has been revised, instead of the obvious here, we now look up to the ideal. Despite the seemingly delicate change, Sander's spirit is unswerving for change.

The position he occupies... that of 'N'-ness, is something that is currently challenged and questioned. This is 'N'-ness, an element with which we have had the past—entirely, entirely and inspire who dare.

On the other pages of this paper, you will find an amalgam of five topics, several children and their heavyweights of the industry all coming together to discuss a common.

One must examine the present in order to assess what tomorrow might bring—the paper is not the first big thing is an instant trend but to see, tomorrow, we will see.



# Conceptual Counterparts

By Tony Ly  
Photos by Claudio Lora

THIS is truly the season to be fully in one's self, my again decked with five or six photographs that might just jangle your belly this December.

It's a marriage of camp, pop culture and Catholicism, photographer Claudio Lora says about his show. Aptly called "Counterparts," with 32 colored images per inspired by the Filipino. Also, unlike museum the group and journey of Filipino in periods, what they choose to wear and the scenes behind them seemed to display.

Viewing these spectacles isn't just a spectator sport.

His together with husband Fred Lora, has been working in the fashion and commercial industry for the past seven years. Their work, which includes fashion spreads, editorial features and high-concept photography for retail stores and department stores, advertising agencies and public relations companies, has been featured in art museums, galleries, magazines, newspapers and such world-consumer/photography publications such as *V*, *Elle* and *Playboy* books.

That time, however, he takes a break from his commercial work to present what he has originally intended to present as a photographer: investigative visual documentation. And what better place to document his recent Filipino work than the Silver Line Gallery?

"The show isn't very controversial. But it's why Claudio's work fits right in," said Joe Lorenzini, Creative Director of Silver Line Inc., a company dedicated to fine arts of photography. Fine Art, Commercial, Photojournalism and Stock. "He always on the border of the work that's both images that say something. We're not about showing the subject."

His show fits true of the philosophy. "Counterparts" Silver Line show that will feature three—Lorenzini "Working Space" and Joe Lorenzini's commercial "Spoken Word Photos of an Artist's Mind" was both done in black and white. The show also broke away from his known strength, which is commercial photography.

"I'm glad to have found a venue for my artwork," he said about the Silver Line space, the only one in the country dedicated to photography. The company has also given his presence in the worldwide web. Their work site, [www.silverlinephoto.com](http://www.silverlinephoto.com), which site is to be the region's source of his latest images, also features his work. Though the site is already up and running, it will be fully operational soon.

Right now, however, his focus is on his show.

## Of worship

For more than two years, his has been photographing rites, rituals and symbols of Filipino worship: the celebration of the Holy Mass or the Holy Eucharist, the sacrament of Christ's Passion during Holy Week, and, yes, even the American flag.

"I wanted to document what the Filipino believes in," said Lora. "I wanted to hold up a mirror where he can examine his reflections, and perhaps create a distance to enable him to look away from the obscurity surrounding these phenomena."

For observing them are many. The celebration of the Holy Mass, for example, is not only a manifestation of folk Catholicism but also of a prevailing cultural frame of mind, known as *hugbo* (hugbo) known before a white still that has been changed. There is a thin line between the veneration of saints and victory and when their faces are blurred, the Holy images have been created the before, based on the fact that the dolls and dressed up by the country's most prominent designers: silver robes, regalia and even hairpins.

Another intriguing belief system created the Holy Week rituals in Cebu, Pangasinan, which features an annual festival of penitence performing various physical exercises: walking barefoot in the streets, raising their hands with their heads of glass, whipping the severely voluntarily and for some, going through armed attacks. They too, have their own sacraments: a crown of thorns leaves, strands over their heads with their necklaces.

Though the Catholic Church does not encourage these practices, this marriage of organized religion and folk spirituality, according to Lora, is rooted in the fact that lies at the heart of the Philippines. "We have a lot of people, the majority of spiritual Catholics inspired by the spirit to constantly evolve their own brand of folk Catholicism," he said. "I question the hypocrisy of a priestly class of religious inspired upon an indigenous unbridled structure."

And if religion, and all its accompanying rules, isn't enough, the Filipino has added yet another method of worship: Uncle Sam. Filipino-American parents are more than just a flag-swinging patriotic. They are driven by a true-class patriotism. If we might devote, to the United States and home.

## Home for the holidays

By putting together all these elements in his show, he definitely has home.

"Many photographers have presented historical and spiritual documentation of the Philippines," he said, explaining all of them with the common label of "American." said Lora. "As a Filipino, as a father, I am compelled to contribute a narrative of these foreign-inspired beliefs that would gradually reveal me to, I believe, you."

So, whether it's an icon from Pagan, a religious from Spain or the house of worship, his show has earned them foreign claims of worship: his show, representing folk, artistic and



By David Lora



Indigenous beliefs to create these more paintings. The same person is both beyond these beliefs, depicting him as perfect and perhaps not very much more, as suggested.

"Counterparts" means at least a discussion of who we really are.

Counterparts opens on Dec. 1 at the Silver Line Gallery, and will run up to Dec. 22. The gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (415-555-8844 for details).



By David Lora





# Hop, jump and mosh for an HIV cause

Over a hundred artists  
rocked the red ribbon for  
this exclusive Super! shoot.

By **Lizette Claudio**  
Photo by **Richard Pineda**

**I**T'S NEVER realized how difficult it is to get people concerned about HIV and AIDS. In the Philippines, because no one here has yet to step out with the disease, all people know about AIDS is that Magic Johnson has it and he's still alive and kicking—so it can't be that bad. Not true.

Every 30 seconds, someone in the world contracts HIV, according to UNAIDS. A lot of things can change in 30 seconds. For instance, when you find out you have AIDS just 10 seconds before your very eyes. You'll probably remember those 30 seconds when you reached with the decision to have sex even if you didn't feel like it, or the 30 seconds when you as great partner could've pulled out sometimes, but didn't.

If there's anyone who knows anything about regret and missed chances, it's the MTV generation. Not true, since we think the video from a music video—with the way-looking and head-banging—with the loss of being like movie stars. Life is like the faster we're dying to please—we live it and just want to go on forever.

The artists on these pages wouldn't agree. On the World AIDS Day, they're out to help spread the message and relieve life as the 2nd MTV's Spring Alive Music Festival in 1995-96. What better reason to rock, jump, mosh and dance?

On this page we pulled a Super! lineup of OPM artists out to avoid the shame on the importance of 1995-96 awareness via their music.

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